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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1962

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

of the

DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR

1962

R.C. WEBSTER
Medical Officer of Health.

G. WALMSLEY.
Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

1962 - 1963

CHAIRMAN

County Councillor F. AINSWORTH.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor J.T. HURST.

COMMITTEE

Councillors:-

H. Dunkinson.
T. Lambert
D. McClaskey.
J. Dunn, J.P.
E. Whalley.
R. Fitzpatrick.
Mrs. R. Shaw. B.A., J.P.
D. Mercer.
J. Hayhurst.
Miss. J.M. Hall.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Administrative Staff

Medical Officer of Health

and

Divisional Medical Officer of Health (No. 5 Division)

R.C. WEBSTER, T.D.,B.Sc.,M.D.,D.P.H.,D.C.H.

Public Health Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

G. WALMSLEY, M.R.S.P.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Smoke Control Assistant

P. Rothwell

Typist & Clerk

Mrs. K. Blackburn.

Health Department,

Town Hall,

Great Harwood.

June, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members

of the

Great Harwood Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year 1962 was one which would have amazed our predecessors of even one generation back, no infant deaths, no maternal deaths, a trivial amount of infectious disease, with no deaths, only 3 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in a population over 10,000, and no new cases of non-respiratory tubercle.

Housing improvements are also to be noticed, the provision by the Council of flats for old people, the substantial number of houses brought up to better conditions by standard grants, and the steady progress in conversion of waste water closets, all these are encouraging.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, the Committee and my fellow officials for never failing support throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

OF THE AREA.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

Area in acres	2,868
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1962	3,806
Number of Commercial premises etc	830
Rateable Value	£107,061
Sum represented by a penny rate (1962)	£419
Population at 1951 Census	10,738
Estimated Population for 1962	10,750

CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA.

The principal industries are the manufacture of cotton goods, light engineering trades, footwear, coated felts, floor coverings, food packing and furniture manufacture.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	91	91	182
Illegitimate	2	4	6
Total	93	95	188

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population

Crude	17.5
Adjusted.	19.4

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate.	1	NIL	1
Total	3	1	4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births 20.8

DEATHS	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	77	61	138

Mortality Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

Crude	12.8
Adjusted.	12.3

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

(England and Wales)	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred of infants under the age of one week.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total	NIL
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	NIL
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	NIL
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	NIL

Comparative Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates.

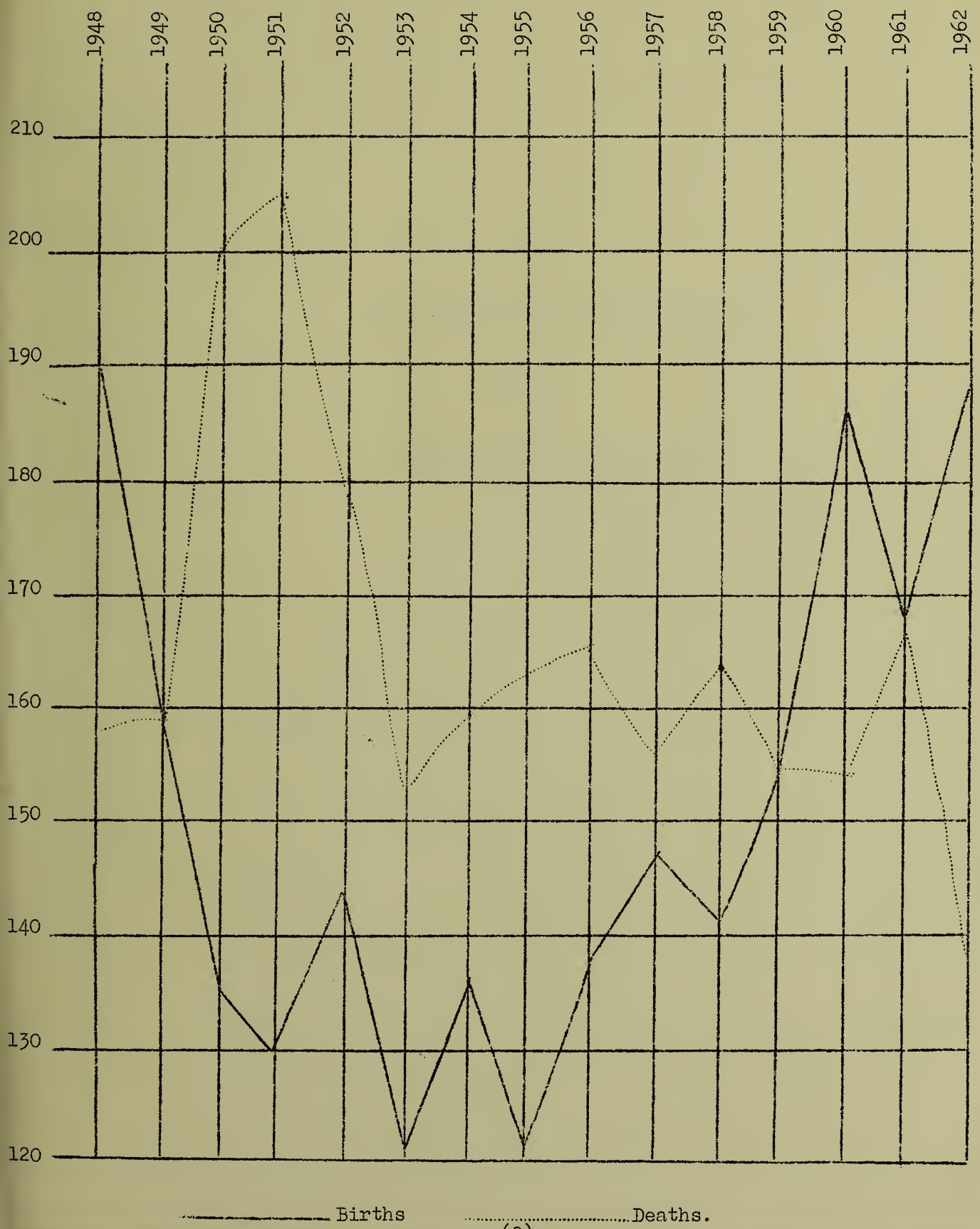
Analysis of Mortality and Maternal Mortality in the year 1962.

	England and Wales.	Great Harwood.
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.	
Births		
Live Births	18.0	19.4
Still Births	18.1 (a)	20.8
Deaths		
All Cases	11.9	12.3
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0.06	Nil
Cancer (All forms)	2.18	1.01
Lung and Bronchus.	0.51	0.50
Other Cancer.	1.67	0.07
Maternal Mortality	0.35(a)	Nil
Infant Mortality	21.4 (b)	Nil
Neo Natal Mortality	15.1	Nil
Notifications (Corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Meningococcal Infection	0.01	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.32	0.01
Whooping Cough	0.17	Nil
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00
Erysipelas	0.04	0.00
Measles	3.59	8.00
Pneumonia (Acute)	0.26	0.01
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.00	0.00
Encute Encephalitis	0.00	0.00
Food Poisoning	0.11	0.00
Puerperal Pyrexia	0.15	0.00

(a) Per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births
(b) Per 1,000 live births.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, others	-	-	-
Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	5	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	7	5	12
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	13	17	30
Coronary Diseases,angina	10	11	21
Hypertension with heart disease	2	4	6
Other heart diseases	9	12	21
Other Circulatory diseases	4	-	4
Influenza	2	1	3
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis	9	2	11
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	2	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	2	-	2
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Suicide	2	-	2
TOTAL	77	61	138

ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.



GENERAL PROVISIONS

of the

HEALTH SERVICE.

HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO GREAT HARWOOD

Divisional Health Committee	Office at 19, St. James Street, Accrington, Telephone, Accrington 34223.
Divisional Medical Officer	Dr. R.C. Webster.
Ante-Natal Clinics	Water Street, Great Harwood, Alternate Thursday mornings.
County Clinic	High Street, Rishton, First and Third Wednesday each month.
Child Welfare Clinic.	Water Street, Great Harwood. All day every Wednesday, Immunisation and U.V.R. by appointment.
Health Visitors.	Miss. Holden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Mrs. Kelgallon, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
District Nurse	Miss. Oldale, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.
Midwife	Miss. Petch, S.R.N., S.C.N.

For the following services:-

Day nurseries, Domestic Helps, Mental Health Service
Accommodation for the elderly (not sick) persons.

Enquiries should be made at the Divisional Health Office, 19, St. James Street, Accrington.

Divisional Education Executive	Divisional Medical Officer, DR. R.C. WEBSTER.

School medical routine and special examination.

Minor ailment clinic every Friday morning.

Ophthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinic(by appointment)at High Street,Rishton.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All pathological and bacteriological work for the Health Department is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Preston.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This service is administered by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council. Two ambulances and one sitting case car are available for the district. The ambulance station is day manned, and night calls are dealt with by the ambulance station at Accrington.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

A weekly clinic is held for children under five years, and a pre-natal clinic is held once a fortnight. The duties are under the control of the divisional Health Authority. The clinic is situated in Water Street.

DAY NURSERIES

There is one day nursery in the town, administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

One hostel is available for aged persons. It is operated by the County Council and has accommodation for thirty-nine men and women.

HOUSING FOR THE AGED.

A block of 28 flats for old people has been built and is now in occupation.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

of

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS.

The administration is carried out by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board and co-operation is maintained through the Public Health Department. Disinfection of articles and premises is carried out when necessary.

The total number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1962 was as follows:-

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
22	12	34	4	3	7

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & Upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases notified:-

	Total	Deaths
Measles	87	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	2	-
Erysepelas.	2	-
Food Poisoning.	2	-

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were reported during the year. The diphtheria immunisation administration is carried out by the Divisional Health Authority.

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

R E P O R T

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my 15th Annual report for the year 1962. It is pleasing to report that a start has been made with the implementation of the Clean Air Act and No. 1 area has been surveyed. Ministry approval is now awaited and it is hoped to have this first area in operation by April 1964. Some details have already been prepared for Area No. 2 and this area will be smokeless by 1965.

Six areas in all are planned and it is estimated that the whole of Great Harwood will be completed by 1970-71. Extensive publicity and readily available information has done much to assist householders in the operation of the Act. No extensive opposition has been met but the need for continued education and explanation is of importance.

The fall in salvage and loss of income was disappointing but due to very little demand for waste paper many tons had to be disposed of on the tip. It is also pleasing to report that waste water closets are being removed or converted at over 100 per year and to encourage conversions the grant was increased to £10.

I wish to thank the members of the Health Committee for their continued support and also the staff and officers of the Council for their assistance during the year.

Yours faithfully,

G. WALMSLEY.

Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

OF FOOD

MILK AND DAIRIES

Number of Farms.	17
Ungraded Producers	Nil
"T.T." Producers. (Retail)	12

MILK SAMPLES

	Methylene Blue Test		Tubercle Bacilli Test		Phosphatase Test
	Sat.	Unsat.	Neg.	Pos.	Sat.
"T.T."	9	Nil	9	Nil	1
Ungraded	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	9	Nil	9	Nil	1

ICE CREAM REGULATIONS

Manufacturers (hot mix)	NIL
Manufacturers (cold mix)	NIL
Vendors (shops, etc)..	40
Hawkers	NIL.

WATER SUPPLY

RAW WATER SAMPLES

Bacteriological Examinations	60

TREATED WATER SAMPLES

Bacteriological Examinations	120

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING.

A total of 55 samples was obtained, consisting of 37 samples of milk (one of which was a sample of Channel Islands milk) and 18 others comprising:-

1	Custard powder.	1	Lemon cheese.
1	Gravy browning.	1	Sugar.
1	Pork sausages, canned.	1	Sage and onion stuffing.
1	Tea.	1	Tapioca.
1	Dried peas.	2	Table jellies.
1	Ammoniated mercury ointment.	1	Compound syrup of figs.
2	Mineral waters.	1	Cornflour.
1	Oatmeal.	1	Condensed milk.

I give below details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Formal milk.	Freezing point indicates .6% extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and further sample obtained.
1 Formal milk.	Fat 2.85%, deficient 5% fat.	Farmer notified.

STORAGE SALE AND PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Number of food premises and type, at the end of the year:-

General Grocers	30
Greengrocers (including sale of fish).	14
Fishmongers	1
Butchers..	10
Tripe	1
Confectioners.	20
Fish and Chips	7
Ice Cream.	46

Number of Registered Premises.

Ice Cream.	40
Meat Preparation etc..	7

HOUSING.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.

These are not operated by the Council.

STANDARD GRANTS.

Details of standard grants up to December 31st 1962 are as follows:-

	Applications Received	Applications Approved.
1959	67	66
1960	108	108
1961	101	101
1962	92	92

GRANTS PAID

Premises	Amount of Grant	Amenities.				
		Bath	Washbasin.	Hot Water	W.C.	Food Store
1959						
10	£994	8	8	8	10	10
1960						
99	£11318	88	89	70	92	95
1961						
107	£11899	95	94	77	104	85
1962						
92	£14813	107	109	85	120	96

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

1.	(a)	Number of houses inspected for defects under Public Health and Housing Acts	64
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	70
2.	(a)	Number of houses found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation	6
	(b)	Number of houses, excluding 2 (a) above found not in all respects fit for human habitation.	28
		Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers ..	12
3.		Number of houses demolished (Section II)	6

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which after service of formal notices were rendered fit:-	
	(a) By owners	2
	(b) By Local Authorities in default of owners ..	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	28
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	
	(a) By Owners	24
	(b) By Local Authorities in default of owners ..	1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

of the

DISTRICT.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

147 waste water closets were converted during the year, 110 being converted or renewed due to standard grant improvements. There are approximately 1,700 waste water closets still remaining in the district. Three pail closets are situated on the outskirts of the town and are emptied weekly.

FACTORIES.

There are 72 factories including bakehouses on the register and 48 visits were made during the year. Sanitary accommodation called for the most attention and informal action only was required to remedy the defects.

RODENT CONTROL.

A part time rodent operator is employed and the following details show the amount of work carried out during the year.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY.		
	Non-agricultural		Agricultural
	Dwelling houses	All other.	
No. of properties in district.	3,836	769	18
No. of properties inspected.	206	29	12
Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	181	67	12
No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - minor	40	29	2
Mice - minor.	24	20	-
No. of infested properties treated.	68	41	2
Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments).	72	50	1
No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	4	-	-

In addition, tips, river banks etc were treated for rat infestation and a full sewer treatment was undertaken.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

There are no authorised camping sites in the district.

SALVAGE

Year	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s	d	Av'ge tonnage per month. Tons	Cwts.
1962	47	9	-	289	14	7	3	19
1961	102	9	3	666	3	-	8	10
1960	138	7	3	899	7	-	11	10
1959	124	11	1	752	19	-	10	4
1958	119	11	3	762	16	6	9	19
1957	131	11	-	855	1	-	10	19
1956	134	3	1	975	13	-	11	3
1955	151	12	3	1212	12	-	12	12
1954	132	14	2	828	2	10	11	1
1953	109	3	1	599	-	-	9	1
1952	98	9	3	980	16	7	8	4

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	71	24	4	Nil
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	1	1	1	Nil
(111) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out worker's premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	72	25	5	Nil

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) (a)Insufficient.....	4	4	-	-	Nil
(b)Unsuitable or defective.....	-	-	-	4	Nil
(c)Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	Nil
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to outwork).....	-	-	-	-	Nil
TOTAL	4	4	-	4	Nil

RAINFALL (INCHES)

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Jan.	1.85	4.0	3.8	4.57	2.2	5.80	6.50	6.80
Feb.	1.50	1.9	5.8	5.88	0.67	2.75	4.50	5.00
March	1.52	1.3	3.4	2.01	1.69	1.00	1.75	2.50
April	3.51	2.3	0.5	1.63	-	3.00	5.25	4.50
May.	3.60	1.3	2.0	4.97	-	-	2.50	3.70
June	2.74	2.5	1.1	4.57	-	3.20	2.10	1.20
July	1.10	5.0	4.9	4.5	-	10.40	5.25	10.50
Aug.	1.01	10.0	3.9	4.06	-	6.50	8.20	
Sept.	3.60	4.6	6.1	4.6	-	3.41	4.50	5.75
Oct.	3.21	3.0	7.05	4.6	-	3.00	7.00	2.00
Nov.	2.47	1.6	2.19	1.6	-	8.50	4.60	2.25
Dec.	4.53	4.0	5.04	4.3	-	6.35	4.00	-
TOTAL	30.64	41.5	41.2	47.83	-	53.91	56.15	44.20
Monthly Av'ge	2.55	3.45	3.43	3.98	-	4.49	4.67	3.68

CLEANSING SERVICE.

Table showing costs for the year ending 31st March, 1963.

Item	Particulars	Refuse Collection	Refuse Disposal	Salvage	Street Cleansing inc:gully cleaning. Street Sweeping - District Roads.
A.	Gross Expenditure	£6,328	£1,216	£517	£884
B	Gross Income	£167	£248		-
C	Net Cost.	£6,161	£1,485		£884
D	Net Cost per 1,000 premises.	£1,360	£330		-
E	Net Cost per 1,000 population	£575	£138		-
F.	Net Cost equivalent rate in £.	14.4d	3.5d		2.1d